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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NON-AVAILABILITY OF NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the National Council of Educational Research andTraining (NCERT)is unable to provide books of the new syllabus of the current session, 2003-04 as the books could not be published in time;

(b) if so, whether the NCERT has ensured the availability of books to all the students by 20th April; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c) As per information furnished by it, NCERT has already published and released all the text books based on the new syllabi for 2003-2004 except two, namely `Modern Englishfor Class-VII and the History textbook `Modern India` for Class-XII`.These two books are under print and will b e released shortly. The NCERT textbooks havebeen made available through a network of about 160 wholesale agents throughout the country. The books are also sold from NCERT Headquarters` sales counter, New Delhi.